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Please amend the above-referenced application as set forth below:

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing evidence of payment by a customer, the system comprising:

- 5 (a) a system for managing at least one database, said database containing information relating to an available event for which an authentic ticket is used for entry, wherein said system assigns a unique indicia which establishes the validity of the ticket;
- (b) a system for creating a ticket containing said unique indicia for authentication the ticket associated [With] with the event; and
- 10 (c) means for transmitting a ticket to a customer-selectable remote device independent of ticket printing authorization from the system for creating a ticket, the ticket including venue information and the authenticating indicia for providing an authentic ticket permitting entry of the purchaser to the event.

15 2. (Currently amended) A system providing tickets for a venue comprising:

- (a) a customer database arranged to contain information relating to customers of a system;
- (b) a venue database containing information relating to venues serviced by the system, wherein said information includes the number of seats available at the venue;
- 20 (c) a ticketing database capable of accessing the customer database and venue database to uniquely associate an individual customer with a seat at an individual venue and capable of generating ticket information;

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(d) a communications system for transmitting ticket information to a customer-selected printer independent of ticket printing authorization from the ticketing database or the venue database.

5 3. (Previously amended) The system of claim 2, wherein said ticketing system generates a digital signature on each ticket.

4. (Previously amended) The system of claim 3, wherein said ticketing system is further capable of generating an authentic ticket containing said digital signature.

10 5. (Currently amended) A system for providing tickets comprising:

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2. (a) a customer database arranged to include information relating to customers of the system;

15 (b) a venue database containing information relating to availability of tickets for gaining entry to an event;

(c) a ticketing system wherein said ticketing system is capable of accessing the customer database and venue database to uniquely associate an individual customer with an event at an individual venue and capable of generating ticket information;

20 (d) means for conveying ticket information to the customer, whereby the customer may print the ticket on a customer-selectable printer independent of ticket printing authorization from the ticket database or the venue database.

6. (Previously amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the particular customer is associated with a particular event by authenticating indicia.

7. (Cancelled) The system of claim 6, wherein said ticketing system creates a two dimensional bar code from said digital signature.

8. (Previously added) The system of claim 1, wherein the unique indicia is embedded in a barcode.

9. (Previously added) The system of claim 1, wherein the ticket identifies a specific seat at the event.

10. (Previously added) The system of claim 1, further including means for accepting and verifying payment by the purchaser prior to assigning the unique indicia.

11. (Previously added) The system of claim 2, further including assigning a specific seat for the venue and customer.

12. (Previously added) The system of claim 3, wherein the digital signature is contained within a two dimensional barcode.

13. (Previously added) The system of claim 5, wherein the particular customer is further associated with a specific seat at the event.

14. (Previously added) The system of claim 6, wherein the authenticating indicia is a digital signature adapted for printing at a customer location, whereby an authentic ticket can be printed by the customer.

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15. (Previously added) The system of claim 6, wherein the system is adapted for further associating the customer and the venue with a specific seat at the venue.

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16. (Previously added) The system of claim 14, wherein the authenticating indicia is embedded in a dimensional barcode.

17. (Previously added) A system for providing tickets for sale on a network and permitting purchase of same by and delivery of same to a customer at a customer controlled device, the system comprising:

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- a. a server accessible by the public, over the network;
- b. a database associated with the server containing venue data and ticket data associated with the venue;
- c. means for receiving and processing a customer inquiry at the server, whereby the customer selects the venue and a specific ticket associated with the venue, purchases the ticket and provides, via the network, delivery information to a device controlled by the customer;
- d. means for generating and transmitting an electronic, authentic ticket directly to the device controlled by the customer.

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18. (Previously added) The system of claim 17, wherein the ticket is delivered to the customer as an electronic ticket.

5 19. (Previously added) The system of claim 17, wherein the ticket is adapted to be printed by the customer when delivered to the device controlled by the customer.

20. (Previously added) The system of claim 17, the ticket including authenticating indicia embedded in the ticket data.

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21. (Previously added) The system of claim 19, the printed ticket including authenticating indicia printed on the face of the ticket.

22. (Previously added) The system of claim 21, the authenticating indicia further including a
15 bar code.

23. (Previously added) The system of claim 22, the two dimensional bar code further including a digital signature.

20 24. (Currently amended) A transferable ticket, printable by a purchasing customer at a customer-selectable printer for entry to an event, the ticket comprising:

6.3 non-ticket-specific printer paper and

ticket information applied to the non-ticket-specific printer paper

wherein the ticket information includes information in computer-readable form binding a particular seat to a particular customer [assigned to the particular seat], and wherein the ticket is useable by a ticket bearer without regard to the particular customer to which the particular seat is bound.

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25. (Previously added) A transferable ticket as in claim 24 wherein the computer-readable form comprises a two-dimensional bar code.

10 26. (Previously added) A transferable ticket as in claim 24 wherein at least some information binding a particular seat to a particular customer is encrypted.

27. (Previously added) A transferable ticket as in claim 24 wherein the purchasing customer is different from the particular customer assigned to the particular seat.

15 28. (Previously added) A transferable ticket as in claim 24 wherein the purchasing customer is the particular customer assigned to the particular seat.

29. (Currently amended) A system for generating a ticket printable by a purchasing-customer at a customer-selectable printer for entry to an event, the system comprising:

20 a venue database

a customer database, and

a ticketing database interacting with the venue database and the customer database to generate ticket information in computer-readable form binding a particular seat to a particular customer assigned to the particular seat,

wherein the ticket is useable by a ticket bearer without regard to the particular customer to which the particular seat is bound, and

wherein the ticket information is printable at a purchasing-customer-selectable printer independent of ticket printing authorization from the ticketing database.

30. (Previously added) A system as in claim 29 wherein the ticket is transferable.

31. (Previously added) A system as in claim 29 wherein the computer-readable form comprises a two-dimensional bar code.

32. (Previously added) A system as in claim 29 wherein at least some information binding a particular seat to a particular customer is encrypted.

33. (Previously added) A system as in claim 29 wherein the purchasing customer is the particular customer assigned to the particular seat.

34. (Previously added) A system as in claim 29 wherein the purchasing customer is different from the particular customer assigned to the particular seat.

35. (Previously added) A system as in claim 34 wherein the computer-readable form comprises a two-dimensional bar code.

36. (Previously added) A system as in claim 35 wherein at least some information binding a

5 particular seat to a particular customer is encrypted.

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Enclosed for filing relating to the above-identified application are the following documents:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2511 for any underpayment of the fees.

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